

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 3773
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WILLIAMSON IV, Warren P., et al.)	
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Serial No.: 10/786,657)	Examiner: Julian W. Woo
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Filed: February 25, 2004)	
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For: EXTREMELY LONG WIRE FASTENERS)	
FOR USE IN MINIMALLY INVASIVE)	
SURGERY AND MEANS AND)	
METHODS FOR HANDLING THOSE)	
FASTENERS)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 26, 2009 and the telephone interview with the Examiner on October 5, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. BOX 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below via the USPTO EFS-Web filing system.

October 5, 2009
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